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**Subject:** FYI: Navaho Nation Request to FEMA for Disaster Recovery Coordinator - Update @ 3 p.m. Today (Thurs., 9/3) on EPA's Senior Leader Briefing on Gold King Mine Release  
[President Begaye requests Appointment of FEMA Disaster Recovery Coordinator.pdf](#)

All –

EPA staff from several of your offices, on a 11:30 a.m. ET conference call today (Thurs., 9/3), discussed the **Navajo Nation's request on Tuesday (9/1) for FEMA to appoint a Disaster Recovery Coordinator for the Gold King Mine release.**

➤ I'll very briefly summarize that discussion at 3 p.m. today, during the EPA's senior leader briefing update on the release.

The Agency has been working with FEMA, especially in Region 9, on the release, and it is now interested in EPA's view of Navajo request. It seems that FEMA conducts a short, preliminary assessment of the situation *before* making its decision on the need for a coordinator. EPA, and other federal agencies, have data and other information which should help inform that assessment, should FEMA decide to proceed with it in this non-Stafford Act context (which is not usual). If FEMA determined that a coordinator was appropriate, EPA should be able to work with that coordination mechanism in a variety of ways, although it appears EPA might bear some of costs and reimbursement authorities and streams are not yet clear.

More at 3 p.m.....

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